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PEN PICTURES

IAN PURDIE, Age 25.

Signed in the close season from Motherwell. Previously with Aberdeen and Dundee. Scottish Under-23 International.

Height: 5' 9"; Weight: 11st.

IAN SEDDON, Age 27.

Signed from Rochdale in the close season. Ex-Bolton and Cambridge Inside Forward. Lots of experience.

Height: 5' 9"; Weight: 11st.

JOE HINNIGAN, Age 21.

Signed for a four figure fee from South Liverpool. Now in his fourth season at Springfield Park. Liverpool born.

Height: 6' 0"; Weight 11st.

JEFF WRIGHT, Age 24.

Signed from Netherfield four seasons ago. Excellent play-maker and also gets a fair quota of goals. Born in Alston.

Height: 5' 11"; Weight 11st 3lbs.

NOEL WARD, Age 24.

Signed from Aberdeen two seasons ago. Played for Portadown in Northern Ireland before being transferred to Aberdeen. Born in Straban, Northern Ireland.

Height: 6' 2"; Weight 13st.

IAN GILLIBRAND, Age 29.

Club skipper. Has been with the Club 10 seasons and has over 600 appearances under his belt. Signed originally from Arsenal.

Height: 5' 8"; Weight: 10st 9lbs.

FRANK CORRIGAN, Age 24.

Signed from Northwich Victoria last season and has become a warm favourite at Springfield Park. Fine ball player.

Height: 5' 10"; Weight 11st.

TOMMY GORE, Age 25.

Signed from Tranmere Rovers, now in his fifth season. Was player of the year 1977/78. Extremely powerful shot.

Height: 5' 8"; Weight: 11st.

PETER HOUGHTON, Age 23.

Signed last season and scored 10 goals in 17 games. Previously with South Liverpool in the Premier League. Very powerful Centre Forward.

Height: 5' 11"; Weight: 12st 10lbs.

JOHN WILKIE, Age 28.

Leading scorer for the last two seasons. Very quick. Signed for a four figure fee from Elgin City in the Highland League.

Height: 5' 7"; Weight: 10st 6lbs.

JOHN BROWN, Age 30.
Ex-Preston and Stockport goal-
keeper, now in his third season
with Wigan.
Height: 5' 11"; Weight: 12st.

ALAN CROMPTON, Age 20.
Ex-Blackburn and Sunderland
Inside Forward. Signed in the close
season.
Height: 5' 6"; Weight 10st.

NEIL DAVIDS, Age 22.
Ex-Leeds and Norwich Centre
Half. Signed in the close season
from Swansea City. Ex-England
Youth International.
Height: 6' 0"; Weight: 12st.

KEVIN SMART, Age 19.
Signed in close season on a Free
transfer from Plymouth Argyle.
Made 9 Second Division appear-
ances and 33 Third Division ap-
pearances with West Country side.
Height: 5' 8"; Weight: 10st 6lbs.

MICK WORSWICK, Age 31.
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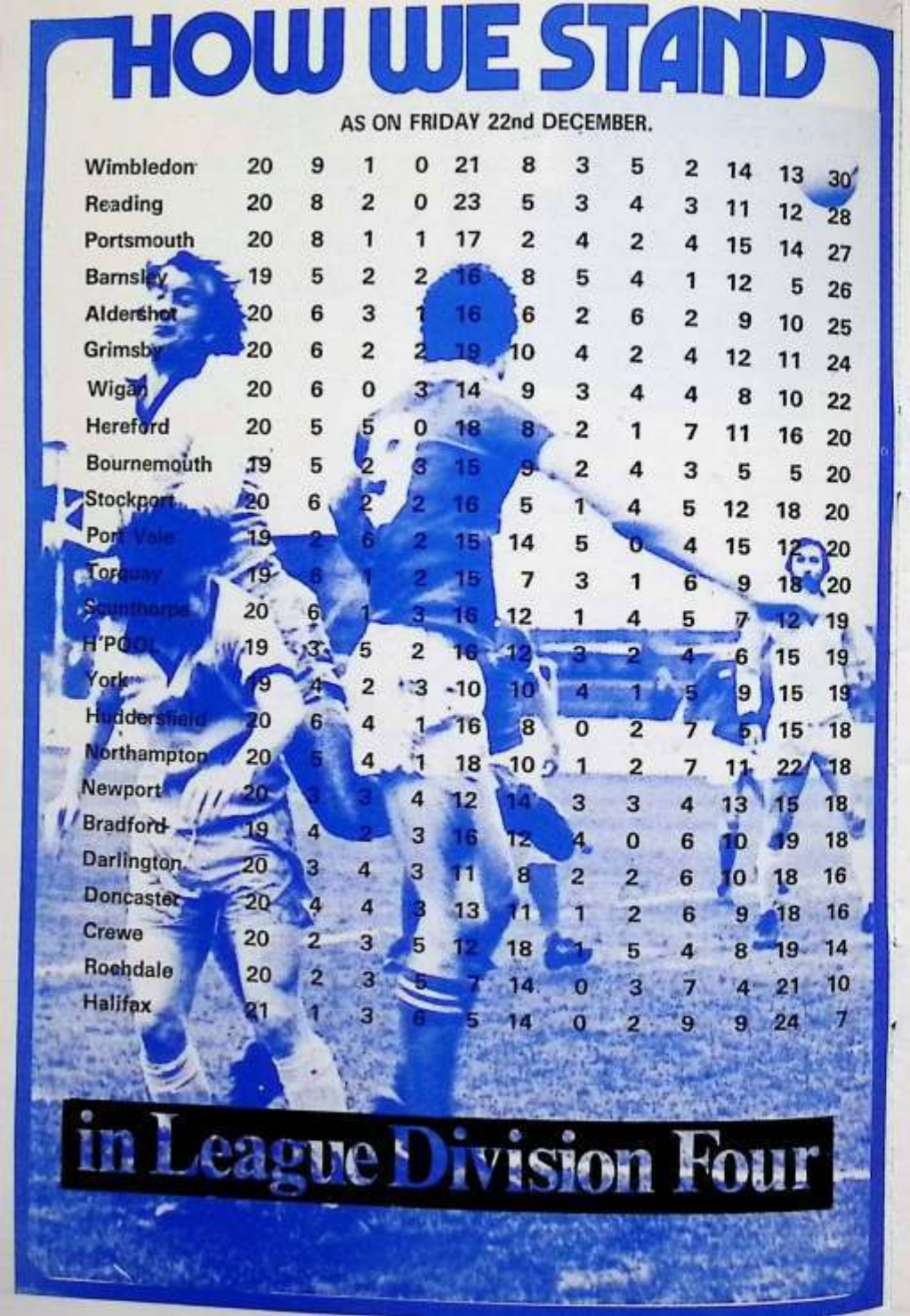
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Barnsley	19	5	2	2	16	8	5	4	1	12	5	26
Aldershot	20	6	3	1	16	6	2	6	2	9	10	25
Grimsby	20	6	2	2	19	10	4	2	4	12	11	24
Wigan	20	6	0	3	14	9	3	4	4	8	10	22
Hereford	20	5	5	0	18	8	2	1	7	11	16	20
Bournemouth	19	5	2	3	15	9	2	4	3	5	5	20
Stockport	20	6	2	2	16	5	1	4	5	12	18	20
Port Vale	19	2	6	2	15	14	5	0	4	15	12	20
Torquay	19	6	1	2	15	7	3	1	6	9	18	20
Scunthorpe	20	6	1	3	16	12	1	4	5	7	12	19
H'POOL	19	3	5	2	16	12	3	2	4	6	15	19
York	19	4	2	3	10	10	4	1	5	9	15	19
Huddersfield	20	6	4	1	16	8	0	2	7	5	15	18
Northampton	20	5	4	1	18	10	1	2	7	11	22	18
Newport	20	3	3	4	12	14	3	3	4	13	15	18
Bradford	19	4	2	3	16	12	4	0	6	10	19	18
Darlington	20	3	4	3	11	8	2	2	6	10	18	16
Doncaster	20	4	4	3	13	11	1	2	6	9	18	16
Crewe	20	2	3	5	12	18	1	5	4	8	19	14
Rochdale	20	2	3	5	7	14	0	3	7	4	21	10
Halifax	21	1	3	6	5	14	0	2	9	9	24	7

in League Division Four

Billy Horner's



Viewpoint



While the majority of the people in the town and here at the Victoria ground are talking about next week-end's F.A. Cup Third Round Tie against Leeds United, I have been trying to keep the feet of the players on the ground.

Naturally, it is difficult for them to forget such a big match, but since the draw was made before Christmas we have had a string of Fourth Division matches—and it is important for us to remember that this is where we earn our bread and butter.

The F.A. Cup, and the League Cup come to that, provide icing on the cake and we must always regard League match as more important.

Today's game against Wigan is the last of the four important holiday matches leading up to the Leeds game, and once it is over this after-

noon we can begin to concentrate 100% on facing the First Division. Having said this, I was as delighted as anybody when the draw was made. It is 21 years since Hartlepool last played a First Division team at home, and while there have been matches away in that time it is a long time to wait for fans who can't travel. Many supporters will remember the successes we had in the F.A. Cup last season here, beating Crystal Palace 2-1 almost exactly a year ago in the third round.

This was followed by the fourth round trip to Ipswich, where we lost but won many friends. And our wonderful supporters did the club proud by travelling to East Anglia and getting behind the team so well.

I would like to close my first notes of the New Year by wishing everybody connected with the club a Healthy and Prosperous 1979.

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ALL of a sudden, after years out of the limelight, Hartlepool have refound the F.A. Cup form which earned them successful runs in the competition in the fifties.

Last season, of course, they reached the Fourth round in only the second time in their history, and of course this year they are in the third round again, entertaining Leeds United next week-end.

They deserve to be in the third round, but since the draw was made there have been several important Fourth Division games and it is to be hoped that by now the players will have added a handful of Christmas holiday points to the total.

Travelling around the country with the club, I have been able to pick up one or two clues as to why the club's standing has improved in the last couple of years. The simple reason is that Hartlepool now have a better squad of players than they have had for years—probably the best since the days of the famous Fred Westgarth.

He was, of course, the Manager when Hartlepool last entertained a First Division club 21 years ago, Manchester United winning 4-3 at the Victoria Ground after being 3-0 ahead, and then pulled back to 3-3.

People who saw that game still talk about it, it is now Billy Horner's burning ambition to provide the supporters with a new talking point—and next week-end's game against Leeds provides the ideal opportunity.

Nobody is going to predict the outcome of this game, but one thing is sure, the Hartlepool team will give 100 per cent, to produce a shock result, and they also have the ability in important positions to surprise many teams. Leeds will have watched Hartlepool in action by now, and they will know what to watch for when the big game comes along.

Hartlepool obviously have more to worry about than Leeds, but there have been shocks in the past.

By ARTHUR PICKERING,

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FROM THE CHAIR



I HOPE none of our regular supporters have been disappointed in their efforts to obtain tickets for next week-end's Leeds Cup Tie.

The idea of selling the tickets on the turnstiles was the best one we could come up with and also the only one which ensured as far as possible that regular supporters would not miss out.

The last thing we wanted to do was to disappoint people who have been watching our games month after month when many people who have not been here for years will be watching the Leeds match.

So we got together as soon as we knew the draw and decided that the game would be all ticket and came up with this plan for selling the tickets.

As I say, I hope nobody has been let down and I hope that everybody who sees the game will enjoy it.

It will be a big occasion for the club and for the town, and I hope the team plays as well as it can to give a good account of itself. As our regular supporters will know, we have players here who are capable of playing in the First Division and I hope they prove this to Leeds next week.

Finally, let me close by wishing all our friends in and around Hartlepool the best of luck for 1979, starting we hope with a win over Wigan today.

J. V. BARKER
(Chairman)

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QUIZ PAGE



CLUES—ACROSS

- Irish international whose 178 League goals were shared between Sunderland, Blackburn, Scunthorpe, Brentford, Halifax and Stockport (3,7)
- Liverpool lost the 1965/66 ECWC final to Borussia Dortmund, for whom this international had scored a tournament match record six in the first round (8)
- The so-called World one is actually solid! (3)
- See 13 down
- See 6 down
- Northern Ireland Double winners last season (8)

- Cheshire County League side whose forerunners were given the 36-0 F.A. Cup pasting by Preston (4,6)

CLUES—DOWN

- Former Burnley back, capped at many England levels (5)
- Tottenham keeper transferred to Torquay (1975) or Torquay striker signed by Tottenham (1977) (3)
- Frank McLintock wrote a book called "That's The Way — Bounces" (3,4)
- Old Villa player and manager: — Houghton (4)
- 6 & 14 across. Famous part of Anfield (3,3)
- Former Oldham defender — Whittle played for Fort Lauderdale Strikers last summer (7)
- Former Chelsea international who became a Los Angeles Aztec last summer (5)
- The last player to pass 50 League goals in a season (3)
- 13 & 10 across. Old soccer and cricket international with Villa and Surrey (4,5)
- Brothers Billy and — Richards played together for Wales (3)

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

THE bad weather just before Christmas caused an interruption from the club's NIL team's efforts to climb up the table after a disappointing start to the season.

Regulars will know that I lay most of the blame for this poor start on the fact that only two of our first dozen fixtures were at home, and it is asking a great deal of young players to play so often away from home.

Now, however, things are beginning to sort themselves out—or at least they would be if the weather would help us.

We have a fine squad of youngsters who, given the chance, can develop along the right lines and I still believe that before very long we will have players coming through who can be talked about in the same breath as the likes of Roy Hogan, Mark Lawrence, Trevor Smith and so on.

KEN SUTHERAN

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Everton's 40,000 crowd record

THE first football club to be formed was the Sheffield club. Still in existence today, they were first put on a proper basis in October, 1857, although there is little doubt that they had been in existence for nearly two years before this.

Among members of the Football League the first club to be formed was Notts County which came into being as part of a local cricket club in 1862.

Birmingham City (then known as Small Heath) was the first football club to form itself into a Limited Liability company. That was in 1888.

Although impossible to prove, Sheffield Wednesday was probably the first club to pay any of their players. Their first professional was a Scotsman, J. J. Lang, who joined them in 1876. He had previously played for Clydesdale and Glasgow Eastern.

The first club for whom a player made 500 Football League appearances was Blackburn Rovers. That great England international full-back, Bob Crompton, played his 500th League game for the Rovers in October, 1914. This was six months ahead of Andrew Wilson whose 500th League appearance for Sheffield Wednesday followed in April, 1915.

The first club to draw a home gate of over



Bob Crompton of Blackburn

40,000 for a Football League game was Everton. It was on the occasion of their first League game with Liverpool at Goodison Park, October 13th, 1894. Nearly 44,000 saw Everton win 3-0.

The first club to play in four Divisions of the Football League was Grimsby Town. They had already figured in Division I and II when they were elected a member of the new Third Division in 1920. The following season they were transferred to the new Third Division (N).

The first clubs to appear in Division I, II, III and IV were Bradford P.A. and Oldham Athletic in 1958.

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Oldham Athletic, 1958/59

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10. Bob NEWTON
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4. Tommy GORE
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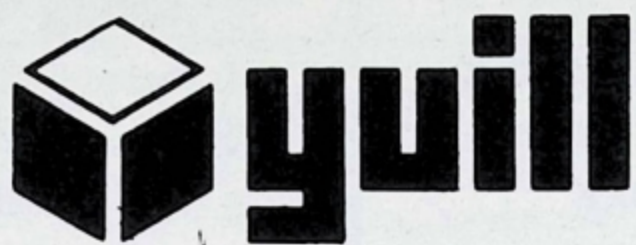
A Birmingham		v	Q.P.R.	
B Bolton		v	Everton	
C Chelsea		v	Arsenal	
D Coventry		v	Man. United	
E Derby	....	v	Ipswich	....
F Leeds	....	v	Notts. Forest	....
G Liverpool	....	v	Aston Villa	....
H Manchester C.	....	v	Mid'boro	....
I Norwich	....	v	Wolves	....
J Tottenham	....	v	Southampton	....
K West Brom.	....	v	Bristol City	....
L Blackburn	....	v	Sunderland	....
M Newcastle	....	v	Preston	....
N Darlington	....	v	York	....

Answers

SOLUTIONS—

Across—1. Ian Lawther; 7. Emmerich (v. Floriana); 9. Cup; 10 See 13 down; 14. See 6 down; 15. Linfield; 17. Hyde United.

Down—2. Angus; 3. Lee; 4. The Ball; 5. Eric; 6 & 14 across; The Kop; 8. Maurice; 11. Cooke; 12. Bly (Peterbro, 60/61); 13 & 10 across. Andy Ducat; 16. Dai.



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